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Dr. Frank Mecklenburg
Chief-Archivist and Director of Research

Gentlemen,

I AM FROM A LARGE FAMILY. MY FATHER HAD 4 BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER. THEY ALL WERE MARRIED AND HAD CHILDREN. MY GRAND FATHER SALOMON STEINER WAS A BUTCHER IN NOVY ROSINOW IN MORAVIA. ONLY ONE SON EMANUEL STAYD IN TOWN AND HAD A LARGE GENERAL STORE, ALL OTHERS CAME TO VIENNA THE CAPITAL OF AUSTRO-HUNGARY. MY FATHER ADOLF STEINER WAS THE YOUNGEST CAME LAST. HE MARRIED ONLY AT AGE 40. ALL MY COUSINS WERE THEREFORE MUCH OLDER THEN I AND MY SISTER GERTRUD. I LEARNED THE TRADE OF A HATTER AND WORKED IN HAT FACTORIES FOR 8 YEARS THE LAST YEARS AS HATTER MASTER. MY FATHER WAS A SALES MAN ALL HIS LIFE AND WHEN HE RETIRED IN 1937 I TOOK OVER HIS POSITION. THE SAME YEAR I MARRIED A YOUNG LADY NORA KORN, WHO HAD STUDIED LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, BUT HAD TO GIVE UP HER STUDIES AFTER THE DEATH OF HER FATHER. SHE WORKED AS A BOOK-KEEPER IN THE LARGEST LADIES DRESS STORE,

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4 MONTHS AFTER OUR MARRIAGE AUSTRIA WAS OVERRUN BY THE NAZIS. WE BOTH LOST OUR JOBS AND STRUGGLED TO KEEP ALIVE, WHILE TRYING TO EMIGRATE. MY SISTER WENT INTO DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT IN ENGLAND. MY FATHER WAS EVICTED AND MOVED IN WITH MY WIFE & I, INTO A VERY SMALL APARTMENT. MY MOTHER HAD DIED IN 1931. MY WIFE WAS AN ORPHAN WHEN I MET HER,

MY WIFE GAVE LESSONS IN FRENCH & ENGLISH TO PROSPECTING EMIGRANTS. I TOOK PASSPORT PICTURES AND HELP PEOPLE TO MOVE WHEN THEY WERE EVICTED OR ABLE TO EMIGRATE. MY WIFE HAD RELATIVES IN THE U.S. AND WITH THE HELP OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH NEMAN IN NEHARK N.J. WE GOT OUR AFFIDAVITS AND LEFT FOR NEHARK, N.J. IN MAY 1939. I SPEND MANY DAYS & SOME NIGHTS STANDING IN LINE TO GET ALL THE NEEDED PAPERS & PASSPORTS. WE SURVIVED THE CRYSTAL NIGHT WERE FORCED TO CLEAN UP IN THE DESTROYED CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE AND RECEIVED FOOD FROM A SOUP KITCHEN BEHIND A DESTROYED SYNAGOGUE. UNFORTUNATELY MY FATHER HAD TO STAY BEHIND IN VIENNA UNTIL MAY 1944, WHEN HE WAS DEPORTED WITH THE LAST, THE 19th TRANSPORT OF JEWS. MOST OF MY RELATIVES ON BOTH MY FATHER'S AND MY MOTHER'S SIDE PERISHED. ONLY A FEW OF THE YOUNGERS GOT OUT ALIVE.

BY COMPARISON WITH THE EXPERIENCES OF MANY OTHER SURVIVORS OUR STORY IS VERY MILD, WE WERE VERY LUCKY. THE FIRST YEARS IN AMERICA WERE VERY HARD. WE GOT NO HELP FROM THE FAMILY EXCEPT 6 WEEKS OF FOOD & SHELTER. HE LIVED IN DIRTY FURNISHED ROOMS. I EARNED 25c AN HOUR IN A BOX FACTORY AND WE LIVED ON \$10.- A WEEK, \$5.- RENT, 50c FOR CAR FARE AND \$4.50 FOR FOOD. IT TOOK QUITE A WHILE FOR MY WIFE TO FIND A JOB. WE CLIMBED OUR WAY UP THE HARD WAY, BUT WE WERE FREE.

I WORKED IN GAS STATIONS, DROVE A TRUCK FOR A DAIRY SERVICE, WAS A STOCK CLERK. IN 1942 I BECAME AN APPRENTICE TOOL & DIE MAKER MAKING SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE WAR EFFORT.

I STAYD WITH THAT COMPANY AS A TOOLMAKER AND
THE LAST 16 YEARS AS A SUPERVISOR UNTIL I RETIRED
AFTER 34 YEARS IN 1977.

I BOUGHT MY FIRST HOME IN 1947 MY PRESENT ONE
IN 1953. WE HAD A SON IN 1948 AND MY WIFE DID
NOT WORK ANY MORE AFTER THAT. I LOST MY WIFE
UNFORTUNATELY IN 1999 AFTER 61 YEARS OF MARRIAGE
I STILL LIVE ALONE AND TAKE CARE OF MYSELF
AND I STILL DRIVE 97 YEARS OF AGE.

MY SON LIVES IN SUMMIT N.J. IN HIS OWN HOME
WITH HIS WIFE. I HAVE 2 GRAND CHILDREN AND
ONE GREATGRANDSON IN SOUTH CAROLINA 9 YEARS OLD.
SINCE 1954 I AM A MEMBER OF TEMPLE BETH EL IN
CRANFORD AND A 50 YEAR MEMBER OF B'NAI B'RITH.
I BELONG TO "CAFE EURORA" AN ORGANISATION OF
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS.

SINCE I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO N.Y CITY
I WRITE YOU MY STORY WHICH IS MILD IN COMPARISON
TO THE SUFFERING OF OTHER SURVIVORS.

IF IT IS OF FURTHER INTEREST TO YOU LET ME
KNOW. I WISH YOU WELL

Best regards
Hunt Steiner

Kurt Steiner Family Collection, AHC 1314

Folder 1:

Copies only, except item 14 b)

items 3 - 11 and 13 - 23 contain handwritten notes by Kurt Steiner (2000)

1. ~~AHC questionnaires I + II~~

2. Letter from Kurt Steiner to the Leo Baeck Institute in which he explains the circumstances of obtaining visas for emigration; dated Cranford, NJ 2/23/2000

3. Birth Certificate Kurt Steiner (born 4/25/1912); Matrikelamt der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, Vienna; dated 3/7/1912

4. Birth Certificate for his wife Nora Korn (born 1/10/1910); Matrikelamt der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, Vienna; dated 6/12/1925

5. Birth Certificate for his mother Emma Jelinek (born 12/25/1880); Matrikelamt der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, Vienna; dated 5/8/1939

6. Birth Certificate for his father Adolf Steiner (born 1/20/1871); Matrikelamt der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, Neu-Raussnitz, dated 6/18/1911, with additional stamp indicating the adoption of the new middle name "Israel", dated 8/9/1939

7. Report card, 5th grade primary school (1922-1923), Allgemeine Volksschule fuer Knaben, Neustiftgasse 100, Vienna

8. Final Report Card for wife Nora Korn after 8 years of High School ("Gymnasium") in Vienna;
Maedchen-Reform-Realgymnasium des Schulvereines fuer Beamtentoechter, Vienna, 8th district;
probably 1928

9. Front page of Nora Korn's Immatriculation Book for Law School, University of Vienna 10/3/1928

10. Letter of Recommendation stating that Kurt Steiner learned the hatmaker's trade; Hat Factory Wilhelm Pless, Vienna 4/5/1935

11. Wedding Certificate Kurt Steiner and Nora Steiner nee Korn, issued by Tempelverein des VIII. Bezirkes, Vienna 11/28/1937

12. Certificate for the military authority stating that Kurt Steiner is "Volljude", stamps by the Wehrmeldeamt Vienna (4th district) and Matrikelamt der israelitischen

Kultusgemeinde; issued by Matrikelamt der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, Vienna, 8/1938

13. German Passports with "J" for Kurt Steiner and his wife Nora, issued Vienna 9/17/1938 (2 pages)

14. Certificate showing that Kurt Steiner successfully made a class in Hotel and Restaurant Business at the Jewish Community Center in Vienna; dated 9/22/1938

15. Unemployment Report Cards for Kurt and Nora Steiner; Vienna, early 1939

16. Official Health Certificate needed for emigration, originally for the emigration to England; Vienna 1/23/1939

17. Letter from Rala Glaser to show at the American Consulate in Vienna, confirming accomodation for Kurt and Nora Steiner in the USA; dated 2/9/1939

18. Police Statement by the Vienna Police to obtain an American visa, stating that Kurt Steiner had
no police or criminal record; stamp "Der Polizeipraesident in Wien", 3/6/1939

19. a) "Gildemeester" registration card that saved Kurt and Nora Steiner's life
b) Handwritten letter by Kurt Steiner explaining the "Gildemeester" card

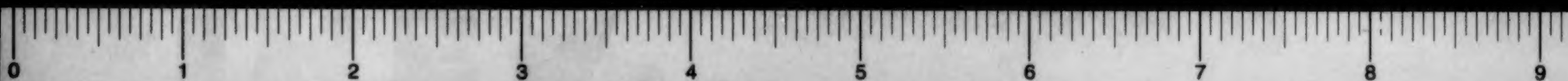
20. "Poverty Report for Non-Arians" to obtain the official emigration papers without paying for stamps; Fuersorgeamt Neubau, Vienna 4/13/1939

21. Telegram from Julius Flink, Kurt and Nora Steiner's affidavit giver in Newark, NJ; telegram dated 4/14/1939

22. Permit for hand luggage pertaining to the emigration of Kurt and Nora Steiner; Vienna 5/3/1939

23. Front & back sides of two postcards from the Jewish Community in Minsk to Kurt Steiner concerning the fate of his father Adolf Steiner (deported from Vienna on 5/6/1944, presumably to Minsk); dated 1947 (2 pages)

24. A 3 page letter from Thomas Blohberger, who is remotly releated to Mr. Kurt Steiner, showing the family members and their releation to each other



13 ARVET PLACE, CRANFORD, N.J. 07016

Feb. 24, 2000

Leo Baeck Institute
New York, N.Y.
Gentlemen,

As I promised you on our recent
phonecall to my home, I made copies
of some of my pertinent documents.
More copies will follow.

It took us 14 months to get all
the needed documents to be able to
leave Austria. Since thousands of Jews
tried to leave, all the offices were swamped.
I stood many nights in line trying to
get into the offices. Many nights in vain.
What had to be proven was that we did
not owe any of the many different taxes.
There were property, business, employees
storefront, inheritance, hospital bills
and many more.

we needed permits for every piece of clothing, houseware or linen that we wanted to take along.

Jewelry had to be turned in to the state and permits were given only for a wedding band and one gold penpoint.

We had to prove that we were never arrested or sentenced and men had to prove that they were 100% jewish or they were taken into the army.

My poor father had to stay behind expelled from his apartment he had to move in with other jews into certain apartments. He lived there until he was taken with the 19.

transport of jews. It was meant to go to Minsk on May 6. 1944

Nothing was heard from him since.

Hunt Steiner

This is a list of the copies
enclosed in this letter.

Birthcertificates of my parents
Birthcertificates of my dear departed
wife Nora Steiner and my own.
Our wedding certificate
Passports of Kurt & Nora Steiner
Unemployment cards Kurt & Nora Steiner
1 telegram from Mr. Flink
1 letter about the affidavit giver
1 poverty statement Kurt Steiner
1 statement about my being jewish
2 cards in jewish about my father,

THE AUSTRIAN HERITAGE COLLECTION AT THE LEO BAECK INSTITUTE
AUSTRIAN-JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN THE USA

LEO BAECK INSTITUTE: 129 E 73 STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10021, TEL (212) 744 6400

Dear MR. STEINER ! Date: 12/17/1999

On the questionnaire you returned to us, you indicated that you had documents that might be appropriate for the archives of the Leo Baeck Institute.

As you may know, the Institute's mission is to document the history of German-speaking Jewry from the beginning to the present, and to preserve this legacy for future generations. The Leo Baeck Institute would be honored to have your documents — copies or originals — in its archives, too.

Please, mark the documents you are willing to donate to the institute and we would kindly ask you to send your documents together with this form back to us. If you want to make some special arrangement (e.g. to pick them up) do not hesitate to contact us at the Leo Baeck Institute.

Yours sincerely, Thomas Geisler / Hermann Zwanzger

Do you have personal or family documents such as

- IDs, certificates, school reports, etc.
- papers pertaining to persecution or emigration
- others:

✓ Yes / No
✓ Yes / No

Do you have printed documents such as

- newspapers or magazines
- newsletters, brochures, etc. of organizations
- theater or concert programs
- books
- others:

Yes / No ✓
Yes / No ✓
✓ Yes / No ✓
Yes / No

Do you have photographs of

- family members and friends
- class-mates
- places of residence before war (apartment, street scenes etc.)
- countries of exile (route of emigration)
- others:

✓ Yes / No
Yes / No
Yes / No ✓
Yes / No ✓

Do you have artifacts such as

- medals, coins, stamps, etc.
- paintings or drawings
- others:

Yes / No ✓
Yes / No ✓

Do you have written documents such as

- correspondence (letters, postcards,....)
- diaries, memoirs or other autobiographical manuscripts
- literary manuscripts
- family trees
- others:

✓ Yes / No
Yes / No ✓
Yes / No ✓
Yes / No ✓

Thank you very much for participating in this project!

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Name: KURT STEINER
First Name Middle Name

Address:

Phone: _____ Last Occupation: PLANT SUPERVISOR

Date of Birth: _____ 1912 _____
Month Day Year Place of Birth: VIENNA, AUSTRIA
City Country
Address
before 1938: NEUBAU GASSE 45 7. BEZIRK VIENNA AUSTRIA
Street (District in Vienna) City Country

Prewar Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

1. Education/Occupation(s) (if possible, indicate institutions and year when entered/left)
REALGYMNASIUM VIII. WIEN ALBERT GASSE 8. BEZIRK 1923-1927
2. Were you affiliated with any kind of organization? (Youth, Zionist, Political or any other organizations)
If so, did you have any specific function?
ARBEITER TURNVEREIN WIEN 7,
3. Were you arrested and/or interned? (please indicate where and when)
NO
4. What was your route of emigration? (please indicate places and dates of stay)
LEFT VIENNA WITH MY WIFE, NORA STEINER GEB. KORN MAY 8, 1939
BY TRAIN THROUGH SWITZERLAND TO PARIS, FROM THERE TO LONDON
THEN LIVERPOOL BY BOAT TO NEW YORK ARRIVED MAY 22, 1939
5. May we contact you again with a more detailed follow-up questionnaire? Yes ☒ ~~No~~
6. Do you have any documents that would be appropriate for the archives of the Leo Baeck Institute?
(personal documents, photographs, letters, all kinds of manuscripts, diaries, memoirs, etc.)
BUT I WANT TO KEEP THEM. Yes ☒ ~~No~~

If necessary please use additional sheets. Thank you!

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We kindly ask you to answer the following questions in as much detail as possible, either in English or in German. If you need more space, please feel free to use additional sheets. If you don't know the answers to certain questions or don't want to answer for any reason, just go on to the next question.

NAME: KURT STEINER Kurt Steiner DATE: 12/22/1999

1. BEFORE MARCH 1938

1.1 Please describe your parental home.

(Did you live in an apartment or in a house? How many people lived with you? Did you have servants? What language(s) were spoken in the household?)

MY FATHER ADOLF STEINER, LIVED IN WIEN VII. NEUSTIFTGASSE 121/17 FROM 1914-1938, WHEN HE WAS EVICTED AS A JEW.

THE APARTMENT HAD 2 1/2 BEDROOMS, LIVINGROOM, DININGROOM, KITCHEN & BATH A HALLWAY AND A ROOM FOR THE MAID.

UNTIL THE DEATH OF MY MOTHER IN 1931 WE WERE A FAMILY OF 4 PEOPLE. I HAVE A SISTER WHO EMIGRATED TO LONDON, ENGLAND IN 1938 AND STILL LIVES THERE WITH FAMILY. WE ALWAYS HAD A FULLTIME MAID, WHO SLEPT IN. MY PARENTS CAME FROM THE CZECH. PROVINCE OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE AND SPOKE THE CZECH LANGUAGE, BUT WE ONLY SPOKE GERMAN AT HOME.

1.2 Please tell us about your neighborhood (District in Vienna or area).

(What ethnic groups lived there? Religious life? Relationships between Jews and non-Jews? Relationships with neighbors?)

THE VII. DISTRICT CALLED NEUBAU WAS AN OLDER DISTRICT POPULATED AFTER THE CITY WALLS WERE RAISED IN 1848. THERE WERE STILL A FEW VERY OLD BUILDINGS BUT MOSTLY 4-5 STORY APARTMENT HOUSES. MIDDLE CLASS POPULATION 98% CATHOLIC BUREAUCRATS, SMALL BUSINESSMAN, PROFESSIONALS AND TRADES PEOPLE. WE HAD NO DIRECT PROBLEMS AS JEWS. WE HAD NO SOCIAL CONTACT WITH GENTILES. NO GENTILE CLASSMATE CAME TO OUR HOME AND WE WERE NOT INVITED EITHER. SOCIAL CONTACTS ONLY WITH FAMILY OR JEWISH FRIENDS. RELIGION WAS IF POSSIBLE HIDDEN. THERE WAS A SYNAGOGUE ABOUT ONE MILE FROM MY HOME BUT WE WENT THERE ONLY ON HIGH HOLIDAYS. MY FATHER COULD NOT AFFORD THE MEMBER SHIP. NO KOSHER HOMES WITHIN OUR FAMILIES OR FRIENDS. WE HAD SCHOOL ON SATURDAY AND HAD TO WORK LATER ON SATURDAYS TOO.

1.6 Did you or your family encounter any anti-Semitism before March 1938?
(If so, please give details.)

NO DIRECT ANTISEMITISM UNTIL 1938, BUT JEWS WERE EXCLUDED FROM BECOMING TEACHERS, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, POSTAL SERVICE, RAILROAD, TROLLEY OR BUS ELECTRIC COMPANY OR GAS COMPANY. NO BANK OR INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD HIRE JEWS. JEWS WERE NOT ACCEPTED IN MANY GUILDS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT LEARN THE TRADES. ONLY FEW JEWS WERE ACCEPTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. JEWS WERE SALESMAN OR HAD SMALL BUSINESSES THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY HAD MANY JEWS. NO JEWS IN POLICE OR MILITARY

1.7 What was your (or your parents') reaction to Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933 and to Nazi activity in Austria in the early thirties?
Did you or your parents feel threatened by these events?

WE FELT VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HITLER NEXT DOOR BUT NAZI ACTIVITY WAS HELD DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRIA. MUSSOLINI HAD PROMISED TO PROTECT AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE. WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WOULD STAND BY AND SEE AUSTRIA SWALLOWED UP BY GERMANY.

I MET GERMAN JEWS, WHO HAD A SHOESTORE IN GERMANY THEY CAME FOR A VISIT TO VIENNA. THEY TOLD US IN 1935 THAT THEY WOULD NOT LEAVE GERMANY. THAT BUSINESS WAS GOOD. THEY WOULD SMASH THEIR WINDOWS IN ONE DAY AND COME BACK AS CUSTOMERS THE NEXT DAY.

2.3 Do you have any recollections of November 9th, 1938, the so-called "Reichs-Kristallnacht"? (If so, please give details.)

THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE WE WERE WARNED THAT THERE WOULD BE TROUBLE AND WE STAYED AT HOME. MONEY AND SOME JEWELRY WAS HIDDEN IN THE TOPCAP OF A CEILING LIGHT. THE UNEMPLOYMENT CARDS WERE ON THE TABLE. 4 YOUNG NAZIS IN UNIFORM CAME LOOKED IN ALL THE DRAWERS AND CABINETS, LOOKED BETWEEN THE PAGES OF BOOKS AND LEFT AFTER A FEW MINUTES.

A JEWISH HARDWARE STORE IN OUR BUILDING WAS LOOTED AND DESTROYED. THE OWNER WAS BEATEN.

2.4 Were you or any members of your family arrested? Sent to a camp? (If so, please give details.)

Nobody in my larger family was ever arrested. An uncle of my wife, who was a ladies taylor and a Polish citizen, was arrested, released after two days and forced to give up his apartment. He went later illegal into Belgium and died in a concentration camp.

2.5 Can you recall the process of obtaining papers necessary for emigration? (Did you try to obtain visas for other countries as well? Were you supported by any relief organization, by relatives or friends?)

IT TOOK ME 8 MONTHS TO GET OUR EXIT PERMITS. YOU HAD TO GO TO 10 DIFFERENT OFFICES TO PROVE THAT YOU DID NOT OWE ANY MONEY, BUSINESS TAXES, HOUSE TAXES, HOSPITAL BILLS, CITY TAXES, STATE TAXES, INHERITANCE TAXES. EACH PAPER WAS GOOD ONLY FOR 30 DAYS. YOU HAD TO GET ALL 10 PAPERS IN 30 DAYS OR YOU HAD TO START ALL OVER AGAIN. I HAD TO START 3 TIMES, SPEND MANY NIGHTS STANDING IN LINE. WITH LUCK I GOT ALL PAPERS TOGETHER 2 DAYS BEFORE WE HAD TO APPEAR AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE FOR OUR VISAS. MY WIFE HAD A BREAKDOWN AND WE HAD TO POSTPONE OUR DEPARTURE.

3. THE UNITED STATES

3.1 When did you arrive in the U.S.? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

WE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK HARBOR, MAY 22, 1939

3.2 Did members of your family emigrate to countries other than the U.S.? (If so, where? Where do they live today? Are you still in contact with them?)

MY SISTER AND 2 COUSINS WENT TO ENGLAND ONE COUSIN WENT ILLIGAL TO PALESTINE. MANY OTHER RELATIVES NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO GET OUT AND DIED IN CAMPS.

MY OWN FATHER ADOLF STEINER STAYED IN VIENNA AND WAS DEPORTED WITH THE 19. TRANSPORT OF JEWS. I COULD NOT TRACE HIM ANY FURTHER

3.3 Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces or in any other allied army? (If so, when did you join? What division? What was your area of operation? When were you discharged?)

I WAS REJECTED FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN 1943 AND FORCED TO GO INTO WAR PRODUCTION. WITH 31 YEARS OF AGE I BECAME AN APPRENTISS TOOLMAKER IN A PLANT MAKING SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

I STAYED WITH THAT COMPANY FOR 34 YEARS THE LAST 16 YEARS AS SUPERVISOR OF SEVERAL PRODUCTION DEPARTMENTS,

3.7 Do you still speak German? If so, with whom and when? How often?

MY WIFE & I NEVER SPOKE GERMAN AT HOME, BUT WE HAD SOME OLDER FRIENDS, WHO FOUND IT HARD TO SPEAK ENGLISH AND WITH THEM WE SPOKE GERMAN. IN THE TOOL MAKING TRADE THERE WERE MANY GERMANS IN THE PLANT AND THEY LIKED TO SPEAK GERMAN.

MOST OF OUR FRIEND WERE OLDER AND HAVE DIED. THERE IS NOBODY AROUND ME ANY MORE, WHO WOULD UNDERSTAND GERMAN. MY WIFE DIED. APR 99

3.8 Would you call yourself religious? To what degree? What is your affiliation? Has it changed?

(Do you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe the holidays,...?)

NOT REALLY RELIGIOUS. BUT MEMBER OF TEMPLE BETH EL, CRANFORD, N.J SINCE 1954. I GO SOMETIMES TO SERVICES ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND ON THE HOLIDAYS. NOT KOSHER HOME I SUPPORT MANY JEWISH AGENCIES, HIAS, B'NAI BRITH, ORT, HADASSAH RED MAGEN DAVID AND OTHERS.

3.9 Are your friends and acquaintances mostly German-speaking or non-German-speaking? Mainly Jewish or not?

THE FEW FRIEND LEFT ARE ALL JEWISH OF GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN DESCENT. WE SPEAK ONLY ENGLISH. MY SON AND HIS CHILDREN NEVER LEARNED GERMAN

3.10 Of what country (countries) are you a citizen? When was each citizenship granted?

MY WIFE AND I BECAME AMERICAN CITIZENS IN 1945

5. FAMILY MEMBERS

5.1 Spouse (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

NORA STEINER NEE. KORN, BORN VIENNA AUSTRIA 10/10/1910
SHE DIED APRIL 11, 1998 AFTER OVER 61 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.
MY WIFE STUDIED LAW IN VIENNA BUT DID NOT TAKE THE LAST STATE EXAM
SHE WORKED AS BOOKKEEPER IN VIENNA AND UNTIL 1945 HERE
IN THIS COUNTRY. SINCE THEN HOUSEWIFE.

5.2 Mother (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

EMMA STEINER, BORN JELLINEK BORN, VIENNA AUSTRIA
DIED MAY 7, 1912, 12 DAYS AFTER MY BIRTH OF TUBERCULOSIS.
MY FATHER REMARRIED 1914 STEFANIE STEINER, BORN KOENIG
BORN IN PRAGUE, CZECH PROVINCE DIED APRIL 11, 1931 VIENNA AUSTRIA
MY BIRTH MOTHER HAD A BUTCHER SHOP IN VIENNA, MY SECOND MOTHER
HAD BEEN A BOOKKEEPER IN PRAGUE, BUT NEVER WORKED AGAIN.

5.3 Father (Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

ADOLF STEINER BORN JAN 18, 1871 IN NIED RAUSNITZ, MORAVIA
PART OF CZECH PROVINCE OF EMPIRE.
MY FATHER CAME TO VIENNA AUSTRIA ABOUT 1890 AND LIVED THERE
UNTIL HIS DEPORTATION MAY 7, 1944 WITH 19. TRANSPORT OF JEWS
NO FURTHER INFORMATION FOUND. MY FATHER WAS A SALESMAN ALL
HIS LIFE, SELLING, CARPETS, TOYS, CLOTHING, GIRDLES AND LADIES HATS

5.4 Siblings (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

MY SISTER GERTUDE STEINER MARRIED ERICH MAX IN LONDON
ENGLAND BORN VIENNA, MAY 9, 1915 EMIGRATED SEP. 1938
HUSBAND DIED 1971 IN LONDON. SHE WAS A MILLINER BY TRADE
WORKED IN VIENNA AND A SHORT TIME IN LONDON ENGLAND
HAD BEEN A HOUSEWIFE MOST OF HER LIFE
SHE HAS TWO CHILDREN AND 5 GRANDCHILDREN ALL IN LONDON.

5.5 Children (Name, Maiden Name, Address (City, State, Country), Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

MY ONLY SON JOSEPH ALLEN STEINER BORN JULY 12, 1948
HE IS TWICE MARRIED HAS 2 CHILDREN FROM FIRST MARRIAGE
HE LIVES IN SUMMIT N.J. AND IS SINCE 20 YEARS
PRESIDENT OF SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SUMMIT N.J.
MEMBER OF THE GOVERNORS COMMISSION ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

5.6 Grandparents (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

GRANDMOTHER LOTTIE FINK, STEINER, BORN ABOUT 1838 NEU RAUSNITZ
CZECH PROVINCE HOUSEWIFE HAD 6 CHILDREN DIED 1926 NEU RAUSNITZ.
GRAND FATHER SALOMON STEINER, BORN ABOUT 1838 BUTCHER
DIED 1906 NEU RAUSNITZ CZECH PROVINCE
FATHER OF MY SECOND MOTHER WAS DRUGIST IN PRAGUE CZECH PROVINCE
DIED 1916 IN VIENNA KOTENIG DONT KNOW FIRST NAME

The Austrian Heritage Collection is always looking for people to interview.

If you know any Austrian-Jewish immigrants in the US who might be interested in participating in this project, please either ask them to contact us or write their addresses below.

Thank you very much for participating in this project.

- 3.11 Have you ever visited Austria since the war? If so, how often?**
(What did you do there? Can you recall some of your impressions during these visits?
Have you ever thought of going back permanently?)

WE HAVE NEVER GONE BACK TO AUSTRIA.

MY SISTER LIVING IN LONDON, ENGLAND HAS BEEN BACK FOR
SHORT VISITS, WITH HER FAMILY AT LEAST 10 TIMES

4. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS

- 4.1 Have you ever been interviewed by any other organization?**
(Please indicate when and by which organization?)

NO,

- 4.2 Have you ever been mentioned in any historical works?**
(Holocaust-related literature, Documentary films, Exhibitions etc.)

NO,

3.4 Please list places and dates of residence in the U.S.
(City, State; in bigger cities, neighborhood)

HILLSIDE AVE, GRANT NEWARK, N.J. MAY 22, 39 FOR 6 WEEKS
WITH RELATIVES OF MY WIFE

FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS IN FURNISHED ROOMS IN NEWARK N.J.
THEN A SMALL 2 ROOM APARTMENT IN NEWARK N.J.

1943-1947 3 ROOM APARTMENT N. 12TH STR. NEWARK, N.J.

1947-1953 SMALL 4 ROOM HOUSE, 70 STANLEY ST, CLIFTON, N.J.

1953 TO PRESENT 5 ROOM HOUSE, 13 ARNET PL, CRANFORD, N.J.

3.5 Please describe your occupational situation from your arrival in the U.S. to the present.

FAMILY GOT ME A JOB JUN 1, 1939 NATL. BOX FACTORY NEWARK, N.J. 25¢ PER HOUR
2 MONTHS LATER GOT A JOB IN OMAHA HAT FACTORY, MY EUROPEAN TRADE
50¢ PER HOUR IN GARWOOD, N.J. COMPANY CLOSED IN A FEW MONTHS AND
I STARTED TO WORK FOR AUTOMECHANIC, NEWARK, N.J. FEW MONTHS LATER
WORKED FOR GAS STATION AND CAR REPAIR SHOP NEWARK, N.J. 1941 GOT
BETTER JOB AS DRIVER FOR GENERAL DIAPER SERVICE, HILLSIDE, N.J. LOST
JOB 2 MONTHS LATER BECAME STOCK CLERK FOR HOME EQUIPMENT COMP. NEWARK N.J.
FINALLY 1942 GOT GOOD JOB AS STOCKMANAGER FOR INSTALLMENT HOUSE N.Y. N.Y. \$75.-WK.
1943 WAS REJECTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE, BUT HAD TO TAKE JOB IN WAR INDUSTRY
BECAME APPRENTICE TOOLMAKER AT 65¢ PER HOUR THEN TOOLMAKER STARTING AT
\$1.25. STAYD WITH COMP. 34 YEARS LAST 16 YEARS AS SUPERVISOR OVER SEVERAL
PRODUCTION DEPT. \$300.- PER WEEK RETIRED 1977

3.6 Did you belong to any emigrant/immigrant-related organization or cultural association? (e.g. Austrian American Federation, Austrian Forum, etc.? If so, since when? Do you still belong to any of them?)

NO.

2.6 What happened to your (or your family's) apartments, houses, businesses and other property?

BUSINESSES WERE SIMPLY TAKEN OVER BY PEOPLE WITH HIGH STANDING IN THE PARTY. APARTMENTS HAD TO BE EVACUATED ON SHORT NOTIS
BANK ACCOUNTS WERE SIMPLY CLOSED AND TAKEN OVER BY THE PARTY.

2.7 When did you leave Austria? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

WE LEFT VIENNA MAY 8, 1939 BY TRAIN THROUGH SWITZERLAND TO
PARIS NEXT DAY TO LONDON AND WE SAILED FROM LIVERPOOL
ON MAY 12, 1939 ARRIVING IN NEW YORK MAY 22, 1939

2.8 If you did not emigrate directly to the U.S, where did you go first?
(How long did you stay there? Can you give a brief description of your experiences?
Why did you leave?)

2. FROM MARCH 1938 TO EMIGRATION - FROM EUROPE TO AMERICA

2.1 How was your time spent during and after the "Anschluss"?

What was the impact of the "Anschluss" on you personally?

(Were you expelled from school/university? Did you or your parents lose your jobs? Were your apartments/houses looted? Were you (or members of your family) persecuted? Were you forced to scrub the streets?)

MY WIFE LOST HER JOB IN THE OFFICE OF A JEWISH FASHION STORE THE DAY HITLER MARCHED IN. I WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE WORKING AS A SALESMAN FOR A SMALL LADIES HAT FACTORY FOR ABOUT 2 MONTHS. MY FATHER WAS RETIRED BY THEN. WE HAD A VERY SMALL APARTMENT NEWLY FURNISHED, WE WERE 4 MONTHS MARRIED. MY FATHER WAS FORCED OUT OF HIS APARTMENT AND CAME TO LIVE WITH US. MY SISTER WENT INTO DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT IN ENGLAND THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY THE BRITISH LET THEM IN.

MY WIFE WHO HAD 4 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY STUDY GAVE LESSONS TO JEWISH PEOPLE IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH. SHE WROTE LETTERS FOR JEWISH PEOPLE TO AMERICA. I HELPED PEOPLE MOVE AND PACK THEIR BELONGINGS, WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO MOVE. JEWS HAD TO CARRY I.D. CARDS WITH THEIR PICTURES AND I MADE A LITTLE MONEY TAKING THEIR PICTURES.

WE RECEIVED SOME FOOD FROM A SOUP KITCHEN, BEHIND A DESTROYED TEMPLE. OUR APARTMENT WAS RANSACKED AT THE CRYSTAL NIGHT BUT WE WERE WARNED AND THEY DID NOT FIND ANY MONEY OR JEWELS.

2.2 How did non-Jewish friends, colleagues, schoolmates, neighbors, etc. behave toward you and your family?

NEIGHBORS STAYED AWAY FROM US. NOBODY TRIED TO HELP. THEY WERE ALL VERY AFRAID AND UNDER PRESSURE TO PROVE THAT THEY WERE GOOD NAZIS. THEY SOMETIMES CROSSED THE STREET TO AVOID MEETING US. PEOPLE THAT TRIED TO HELP JEWS RAN THE RISK OF LOSING THEIR JOBS.

1.3 What religious tradition existed in your family?

(Did you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe holidays, etc.?)

NOT KOSHER HOME, FATHER CAME FROM MORE RELIGIOUS FAMILY
BUT TRAVELLED -OFTEN AND SELDEN HAD TIME FOR TEMPLE, ONLY
ON HOLIDAYS. MOTHER WAS NOT RELIGIOUS

1.4 Please, tell us about your friends and acquaintances.

(Were they mostly Jewish or non-Jewish? Did you have any close non-Jewish friends?)

ONLY JEWISH FRIENDS AND LARGE FAMILY FROM BOTH SIDES
3 BROTHER & 1 SISTER OF MY FATHER, EACH HAD 3 CHILDREN VIENNA
1 SISTER OF MY MOTHER WITH FAMILY IN VIENNA, 3 BROS.
WITH FAMILY LIVING IN CZECH REPUBLIC. MANY COUSINS OF MY
MOTHER IN VIENNA. ALMOST ALL DIED IN HOLOCAUST

1.5 Were you affiliated with any political, social or religious organization?

(Youth Organizations, Zionist Organizations, Political Parties, other organizations)

If so, did you have any specific function?

SOCIALIST LABOR UNION MEMBER ONLY

MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE

8

GRUND
NUMMER

00436277

9. Feb. 1936

Geburts - Zeugnis.



dem Unterzeichneten wird hiermit bestätigt, dass
laut Geburts-Protokoll der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde in
Wien, IX Reihezahl 669

Kurt

am 25. April 1912 (fünfundzwanzigsten
April Eintausend neun hundert zwölf
als israelischer Bube mit Adolf Steiner,
Brispacher und dessen Ehefrau
Emma geb. Telliner

in Wien I Dillgrub 22-24 geboren wurde.

Wien, am 7. März 1912



MATRIKELAMT DER
ISRAELITISCHEN KULTUSGEMEINDE
IN WIEN.

Michael Krüger

beeideter Matrikelführer.

4.
MY WIFE'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE

GRUND
NUMMER

00429723

17 FEB 1910

Geburts-Zeugnis.



dem Unterzeichneten wird hiemit bestätigt, daß laut Geburts-Protokolles

der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde in Wien, 1910 Reihezahl 117

Nora Korn.

am 10. Jänner 1910 geboren

Jänner Eintausend neun hundert zehn

als illegitimes Kind von Selig Korn 1872-1912

und der Port. geb. Rausch

in Wien XVIII. Altpeterskirche 25 geboren wurde.

Wien, am 12.

Juni

1925



MATRIKELAMT DER
ISRAELITISCHEN KULTUSGEMEINDE
IN WIEN.

GEBURTS-ZEUGNIS.

Von dem Unterzeichneten wird hiemit bestätigt, daß laut Geburts-Protokoll
der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde in Wien 1880 Reihezahl 5956

Emma Jelinek

am 25. 7. 1880, fünfundzwanzigsten

Oktober

Eintausend acht hundert achtzig

als eheliche Tochter des Abraham v. Wolf

Jelinek und der Theresia geb. Schreier

in Wien geboren wurde.

Wien, am 8. April 1939

MATRIKELAMT DER
ISRAELITISCHEN KULTUSGEMEINDE
IN WIEN

beide Matrikelführer

MY FATHERS BIRTH CERTIFICATE

GRUND
NUMMER

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A: 16

Sebutis & Eugnis

1910 21
sinnlich begreift, daß laut Unfall des, bei
der israelitischen Gemeinde in Neu Rauschwitz
gekauften Habakukmaltes Band IV, Folio 138, No. 682
Jahr Adolf Steiner seltener Sohn des Herrn
Salomon Steiner s. in Jahr Lolligabornum Fink,
am zwanzigsten Jänner ein tausend acht-
hundert ein & siebenzig / 18 $\frac{20}{1}$ 71 / in Jahr
No. 9 zu Neu Rauschwitz, Lazise Wischau, im
Königreich Mähren, geboren wurde.

Neu Rauschwitz am 18. Juni 1911

B. H. IV/V St 356/39

Annahme des Zusatznamens
Israel — ~~Sara~~ angezeigt!

Wien, am 9. AUG. 1939

Der Bezirkshauptmann:

J. A.



Leopold Krüger
Unterf. 18

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REPORT CARD OF MY 5. GRADE PRIMER SCHOOL 1922-23

Bundesland: Wien.

Schulbezirk: Wien.

Zahl: 32

Schuljahr: 1922/1923

Schulnachricht

über

geboren am 25. April 1912 zu Wien in Wien

katholisch
evangelisch
mosaisch

Schüler der 5. Klasse an der öffentlichen allgemeinen (fünfklassigen) Volksschule für Knaben — Mädchen in Wien.

Halbjahr	Betragen	Fließ	Religion	Heimat- und Lebenskunde	Sprache und schriftliche Übungen	Lesen	Schreiben	Singen	Handarbeit (mit Zeichnen)	Rechnen und Raumlehre	Körperliche Übungen (Turnen)	Weibliche Handarbeiten	Äußere Form der schriftl. Arbeiten			Zahl der veräumten halben Schultage		Zu spät gekommen	Unterschrift der Eltern oder deren Stellvertreter
																entschuldig	nicht entsch.		
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II.	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	~	~	~	

Auf Grund dessen wird diese Schüler zum Aufsteigen in die nächsthöhere Klasse für reif erklärt.

Leiter der Schule



Klassenlehrer

Nr. 9

Abschluß- und Reisezeugnis.

Korn Nora

geboren am 10. Jänner 1910 zu Wi.
 in Oesterreich, m. d. Religion, österreichischer
 Staatsbürgerschaft, hat das Prädikat im Jahr 1920 mit
 der ersten Klasse für begannen und durch alle
 acht Jahre fortgesetzt.



Sie hat die achte Klasse der hiesigen Anstalt im Schuljahre 1927/28
 beendet und sich der reform-realygischen Reiseprüfung im Sinne des Erlasses
 des Bundesministeriums für Unterricht vom 6. Oktober 1924, Z. 22011 (B. E. Nr. 74)
 unterzogen. Nach Abschluß dieser Prüfung wird ihr folgendes Zeugnis ausgestellt:

Betragen: sehr gut

Behandeltes Thema: Der Seidenbau.

Hausarbeit

zugerechnet dem Prüfungsgegenstande Naturgeschichte.

Note: sehr gut.

FINAL REPORT CARD MY WIFE RECEIVED AFTER 8 YEARS OF THAT HIGH SCHOOL
 SHE WENT ON TO 4 YEARS OF LAW STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY VIENNA

FRONT PAGE OF MY WIFE'S MATRICULATION BOOK TO START HER STUDIES
OF JURISPRUDENCE 1928

Portrait des Inhabers



Eigenhändige Unterschrift des Inhabers

Wera Kopp

Wien, den 3. Oktober 1928

Meldungsbuch

des

Studierenden

Wera Kopp

gebürtig aus

Wien

Inskribiert

in der

juridischen

Fakultät

der

Universität zu Wien

den

3. Oktober 1928

Wilhelm Pless, Wien

Gegründet 1857.

XIII/3. Kandlerstrasse 12.

Telephon No B 33362 und B 31284

FABRIKS-MARKE

Telegr. Adr.:
Hutpless, Wien.

Wien, den 2. VIII. 19

Bezirkshauptmannschaft

Ungersmann, am -5. April 1935

Die Vermittlung abgelehnt im Wege der S. 12

erläßt am 16/4/35

Der Bezirkshauptmann

R. 2.4



Zeugnis

..... fertigte Firma bestätigt hiermit, dass
Herr Kurt S t e i n e r, vom 5. IX. 1927 bis zum 19. II. 1930
bei ihr als Lehrling das Hutmachergewerbe erlernt hat, nach
dieser Zeit freigesprochen wurde und bis zum heutigen Tage
als Hutmacher in der Zuricht beschäftigt war.

Genannter ist während dieser Zeit seinen Oblie-
genheiten bestens nachgekommen und hat sich bei allen ihm
übertragenen Arbeiten fleissig und sehr verwendbar erwiesen.

Seine Entlassung erfolgt in Folge Abbau in der
Zuricht.



WILHELM PLESS
HUTMACHER
WIEN-BREITENSEE

LETTER OF RECOMANDATION STATING THAT I HAD LEARNED
THE HATTERS TRADE AND WORKED TO THEIR SATISFACTION
AND WAS LAYD OFF ONLY BECAUSE OF A REDUCTION OF
THE WORK FORCE.

OUR WEDDING CERTIFICATE

Tempelverein des VIII. Bezirkes
der Stadt Wien
VIII. Neudeggasse 12.



Trauungs-Zeugnis

dem Unterzeichneten wird hiermit bezeugt, daß am acht und zwanzigsten
des Monates November, im Jahre Eintausend neun Hundert
sieben und dreissig, 28 ten November 1937

das Brautpaar: Herr Kurt Steiner
geboren am 25. April 1912, ledig
in Wien

zuständig nach Wien

wohnhaft in Wien, VII., Neuburggasse 121

Sohn des Herrn Adolf Steiner

und dessen Ehegattin Frau Emma geborenen Jellinek

mit der Fräulein Sara Korn

geboren am 10. Jänner 1910

in Wien

zuständig nach Wien

wohnhaft in Wien, VII., Neuburggasse 45

Tochter des Herrn Selig Korn

und dessen Ehegattin Frau Perl geborenen Rauch

in Gegenwart der Beistände, der Herren: Adolf Steiner und Paul Lawski

in Wien

von Rabbiner Dr. Moritz Bauer

in Wien Israel. Tempel, VIII., Neudeggasse 12

nach bürgerlichen Gesetzen und israelitischen Gebräuchen getraut worden ist.

Eingetragen in dem Trauungsprotokolle der israelitischen Kultusgemeinde in Wien VIII. Bezirk,
Neudeggasse 12, Folio 14 Nr. 40

Zur Bestätigung dessen nachstehende eigenhändige Fertigung nebst Amtssiegel

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I WAS CALLED UP FOR MILITARY SERVICE. HAD TO GO
THROUGH COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAM, EVEN THOUGH I TOLD
THEM THAT I WAS JEWISH. I WAS FOUND TO BE IN GOOD
HEALTH AND GIVEN AN A-1 CLASSIFICATION.

ONLY THIS STATEMENT FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
THAT I WAS 100% JEWISH KEPT ME OUT OF
THE GERMAN ARMY

Matrikelamt
der israel. Kultusgemeinde
W i e n.

Wien, am August 1938.

B e s t ä t i g u n g
zwecks Vorlage bei der Militärbehörde.

Es wird hiemit bescheinigt, dass Herr Kurt Steiner,
geboren am 25/4 1912 in Wien, laut den
hieramts vorgelegten Urkunden Volljude ist.

Der Matrikelführer :



Ernst Rosenthal

auswärtig bescheinigt

4. AUG. 1938



19.

Auswanderungsabteilung der Isr. Kultusgemeinde

Beratungsstelle für Berufsausbildung und Umschichtung

Wien, I. Kohlmessergasse 4

2216/24



Zeugnis

Herr

Kurt Heimer

Frau

hat den Lehrgang für Hotel- u. Gastgewerbe

absolviert und durch Prüfungsarbeiten nachgewiesen, daß ^{er}_{sie} in diesem

Gewerbe sehr gute Kenntnisse besitzt.

WIEN, am 22. September 1938

Die Umschichtungsstelle:

J. J. Markop

Kursleiter

Heinrich Markop

Referent

J. J. Markop
J. J. Leiter der Umschichtungsstelle

Auswanderungsabteilung d. Isr. Kultusgemeinde
Beratungsstelle für Berufsausbildung
u. Umschichtung
I., Kohlmessergasse 4

CERTIFICATE, SHOWING THAT I SUCCESSFULLY MADE A CLASS IN HOTEL AND RESTAURANT BUSINESS AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN VIENNA. TRYING TO LEARN SOMETHING ELSE TO POSSIBLY FIND A JOB, WHEREEVER WE WOULD GO.

DEUTSCHES REICH

13.10.38
J



(Stempelmarke)

Gebühr 3 RM

REISEPASS

Nr. 26700

NAME DES PASSINHABERS

Kana Steiner

BEGLEITET VON SEINER EHEFRAU

UND VON KINDERN

STAATSANGEHÖRIGKEIT

DEUTSCHES REICH

Dieser Paß enthält 32 Seiten

DEUTSCHES REICH

14.10.1938
J



(Stempelmarke)

Gebühr 3 RM

REISEPASS

Nr. 26666

NAME DES PASSINHABERS

Kana Steiner

BEGLEITET VON SEINER EHEFRAU



Ehefrau

Lichtbild

Unterschrift des Paßinhabers

Maria Steiner

und seiner Ehefrau

Es wird hiermit bescheinigt, daß der Inhaber die durch das obenstehende Lichtbild dargestellte Person ist und die darunter befindliche Unterschrift eigenhändig voll-



Wien den 17. IX. 1938

Heisler Karl

PERSONENBESCHREIBUNG

Ehefrau

Beruf *Kaufm. Angestellte*Geburtsort *Wien*Geburtsdag *10. I. 1910*Wohnort *Wien*Gestalt *groß*Gesicht *oval*Farbe der Augen *grünbraun*Farbe des Haares *schwarz*Besond. Kennzeichen *x*

KINDER

Name

Alter

Geschlecht

PERSONENBESCHREIBUNG

Ehefrau

Beruf *Hutmachermeister*Geburtsort *Wien*Geburtsdag *25. IV. 1912*Wohnort *Wien*Gestalt *groß*Gesicht *oval* *vielfach blau*Farbe der Augen *blau*Farbe des Haares *brun*

Besond. Kennzeichen

KINDER

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT CARDS

KURT & NORA STEINER

1939

Arbeitsamt Wien
Diese Meldungskarte ist ungültig, wenn die letzte Kontrollmeldung länger als 30 Tage zurückliegt.

Dermittlungsabteilung II.3

5., Embelgasse 2-4

Telefon B 29-5-95

Gr.-Nr.: 66883

Meldungskarte Jude

für *Kurt Steiner* Staatsbgsch. *A. R.*

wohnhaft: *F. Neubaugasse 45/6*

geboren am: *25.4.1912* Berufsart: *14c*

Beruf: *Stenograph* Betr.-Kl.:

Tag der Vor- merkung	Unter- stütz- Art	Lkl.	Satz	K. Z.	Tägliche Unter- stützung	M. Z.	Unterstützung bewilligt*)	
	Na	W	F	-	-83	10	21. X. 39	114 Tage

*) Bei Wegfall der Voraussetzungen für den Bezug wird die Unterstützung vor Ablauf des bewilligten Höchstausmaßes eingestellt.

Wichtige Bestimmungen, die jeder Arbeitslose beachten muß, befinden sich auf der letzten Seite.

Kontrolle: *Samstag 1.3.40*

Auszahlung: *Freitag 1.3. - 1.3.30. L*

Arbeitsamt
Diese Meldungskarte ist ungültig, wenn die letzte Kontrollmeldung länger als 30 Tage zurückliegt.

Arbeitsamt:

Gr.-Nr.: 141446

Meldungskarte Jude

für *Nora Steiner* Staatsbgsch. *A. R.*

wohnhaft: *F. Neubaugasse 45/6*

geboren am: *10.1.10* Berufsart: *25a*

Beruf: *Kont.* Betr.-Kl.:

Tag der Vor- merkung	Unter- stütz- Art	Lkl.	Satz	K. Z.	Tägliche Unter- stützung	M. Z.	Unterstützung bewilligt*)	
19.3.39	W	W	W	W	-84	-	21.3.39	31.1.39
	Na	-	-	-	-84	-	1.2.39	1.2.39

*) Bei Wegfall der Voraussetzungen für den Bezug wird die Unterstützung vor Ablauf des bewilligten Höchstausmaßes eingestellt.

Wichtige Bestimmungen, die jeder Arbeitslose beachten muß, befinden sich auf der letzten Seite.

Kontrolle: *Samstag*

Auszahlung: *Freitag 9.3. - 9.3.40*



Der Polizeipräsident in Wien.

Amtsärztliche Prüfungsstelle.

Wien, den 23. Jan. 1939 19

Amtsärztliches Zeugnis.

Herr Kurt S t e i n e r , Hutmachermeister, 25.4.1912 Wien geb.
und zust., VII., Neubaugasse 45 wh.

wurde am heutigen Tage vom gefertigten Amtsarzte zwecks Ausreise nach
unter sucht.

England

Genannte(r) ist gesund, sieht und hört gut und ist mit keinem organischen Leiden oder körperlichen Gebrechen behaftet, insbesondere zeigt er (sie) keine Symptome von Lues, Tuberkulose, Malaria, Lepra, Trachom oder sonst einer ansteckenden Krankheit; auch sind keine Zeichen von Geistesstörung oder Geisteschwäche vorhanden. Genannte(r) ist frei von Rauschgiftsucht, chronischem Alkoholismus und Epilepsie.

Der (Die) Untersuchte ist arbeits- und erwerbsfähig und zur Ausreise derzeit geeignet.



Amtsarzt.

OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE NEEDED FOR EMIGRATION
WE RECEIVED VISAS FOR ENGLAND, BUT CHANGED WHEN THE
AMERICAN AFFIDAVITS ARRIVED

17.

February 9, 1939.

Mr. Steiner,
Vienna VII
Neubaugasse 45// 6

Dear Mr. Steiner:

Your letter to Mr. Flink, was given to me. He has already sent a cable to the American Consul in Vienna, promising to provide board, room, and spending money for you and your wife. Will you please communicate with the Consul again. I saw your friend and I know she has an apartment ready. All you have to do is come as soon as your visa is granted. You will be provided for.

You have good friends in Miss Shilberg, the Flinks, and myself. Please communicate with the American Consul upon receipt of this letter.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rala Glaser
(Miss) Rala Glaser

rg/rs COPY OF LETTER WE RECEIVED AFTER THE
TELEGRAM TO SHOW AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE

Der Polizeipräsident in Wien.

Abteilung II

6. März 1939

II 2003/39 §. 8. (St.).

Wien, den



BEZUGSNUMMERE
Auf- 67 entrichtet.

Zeugnis.

Dem Herrn Kurt S t e i n e r ,

Der Frau

Dem Fräulein

am 25.4.1912 in Wien geboren,

zuständig nach Wien

in Wien 7., Neubaugasse 45 wohnhaft,

wird auf ^{sein}
~~ihr~~ Ansuchen zum Zwecke der Erlangung des amerikanischen
Einreisevisums

hiemit bestätigt, daß gegen ihn

Nachteiliges nicht vorgemerkt ist.



I.A.

[Handwritten signature]

POLICE STATEMENT THAT I HAD NO POLICE OR CRIMINAL RECORD
WAS NEEDED AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO GET THE VISA

KONTROLLSTAMP

RADIOGRAMM

Eingelangt

1 10 11

14 IV 39

RADIO-AUSTRIA A. G.

Wien, I., Renngasse 14

„Anten“

1391

Nr. RADIOBRIEF

GLP/HH/0105

 Daten im dienstlichen Eingange des Telegrammes bedeuten:
 1. Name des Aufgabesamtes — 2. Telegrammnummer — 3. Wortzahl — 4. Aufgabetag — 5. Aufgabezeit

W 1 + NEWARK/NJ 24 13 NFT WUN =

NLT = KURT STEINER VIENNA 7 NEUBAUGASSE 45-6 =

 AFFIDAVIT GIVER NOT RELATED BUT VERY INTERESTED IN BRINGING
 YOU OVER IS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT =

JULIUS FLINK +

7 45-6 +

COPY OF THE TELEGRAM WE RECEIVED FROM
 AFFIDAVIT GIVER, UNKNOWN TO US. WE HAD TO
 KNOW WHO HE WAS WHEN QUESTIONED AT THE
 AMERICAN CONSULATE.

 Bitte bezeichnen Sie das Antworttelegramm mit dem gebühren-
 freien Vermerk „Anten“ oder „via Radio“.

"GILDEMEESTER"

Auswanderungs-Hilfsaktion

Wien I., Wollzeile 7

Herrn Kurt Steiner,

VII. Neubaugasse 45

Sie sind bei uns unter der Nr..799.....zur Aus-
wanderung registriert.

Angemeldet fürallg.....

Bei Vorgesprächen und Ansuchen um Leistungen ist dieser Beleg vor-
zuweisen.

"Gildemeester"

Auswanderungs- Hilfsaktion

Wien I., Wollzeile 7

THIS SIMPLE REGISTRATION CARD, SAVED OUR LIVES
LETTER OF EXPLANATION ENCLOSED

Explanation to the GILDEMEESTER card

This simple registration card saved our lives in April 1939. Gildemeester is a dutch quaker organisation that helps people persecuted for political or religious reasons. When the Dollfuss government in Austria, prohibited the nazi party, many young austrians that were partienmembers fled into Germany. They were helped and given support by Gildemeester.

In return the nazis in Austria permitted the Gildemeester organisation to help jews and mostly halfjews after the ~~anschluss~~ ^{annexation}. We registered at every embassy and organisation in Vienna to find a nation that would accept us. I registered myself and my wife at Gildemeester received that card but never called on them again.

We were slated to appear at the american embassy on Monday April 17, 1939 with all our papers in order to receive our visas.

I still needed the final exit permits and with thousands of other jews I tried daily to get into the Rothschild palace, that had been taken over by the nazis and converted into the final office.

Many night I started to line up at about 10 PM with a handful of other jews, but the patrolling naziguards would drive us away and we would run down the street.

over

When the guards were gone, we would rush back again but by then 50 people were in front of me. About every half hour the same thing would happen, the guards chased us armed with nightsticks we run and come back again.

Sometimes between 6 and 7 AM. the guards would permit a linesup to form but I was never able to be in the front part of the line.

They would count out about 600 people that could be handled by the office that day, the rest were told to come back on another day.

On April 15, 1939 unfortunately I was again beyond the 600 counted people, my last chance to get my papers in order for the American embassy.

Desperate I was ready to leave when the guard asked if somebody was there from Gildenstein.

I had never heard a guard ask that before.

I showed my card was permitted in and got my permits.

We received our visas on the 17, of April 39 and were safe. Without that permit the embassy would have given us an other date in the fall of 39.

The embassy never reopened in the fall after their summervacation.

The war had started by then and we would have perished with all the other jews.

Just Steiner

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**Keine Fürsorgehilfe
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Armuts-Zeugnis

für Kurt Steiner
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Zuständig nach: Wien Gerichts- (Verw.-) Wien Land Deutschland
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Robert Leich
Fürsorgerat

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Wien, am 13. April 1933 193

Der Bezirksvorsteher:

I. E.

An die

Devisenstelle Wien

Wien 9.

I., Teinfaltstr. 4

*) Name des Einreichers:

**) Genaue Adresse:

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Kurt Steiner

Wien VII. Neubaug. 45/6

Wien

Ort

, den

3. Mai 1939

Datum

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1. Staatsangehörigkeit Deutschland (Ostmark)
2. Geburtsdatum 25. IV. 1912
3. Jude oder Nichtjude im Sinne des ABG? Jude
4. ledig oder verheiratet? verheiratet
5. Beruf Glückwacker
6. Tag der Abreise 8. V. 1939
7. Zielland Amerika
8. Namen der mitreisenden Personen Nora Steiner
9. Derzeitiges Vermögen
a) im Inland = RM 0 b) im Ausland (in RM) 0
10. Schulden im Inland 0

Die Richtigkeit und Vollständigkeit obiger Angaben versichere ich nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen.

Reisepässe und steuerliche Unbedenklichkeitsbescheinigungen füge ich bei.

Ich beantrage die Genehmigung zur Mitnahme der auf der Rückseite verzeichneten Gegenstände als Reise- (Hand-) Gepäck/Mitgut. Ich versichere, daß die Gegenstände — soweit nicht anders vermerkt — vor dem 1. 1. 1938 in meinem Besitz und Gebrauch standen.
(Nicht-Zutreffendes ist zu streichen)

Kurt Steiner

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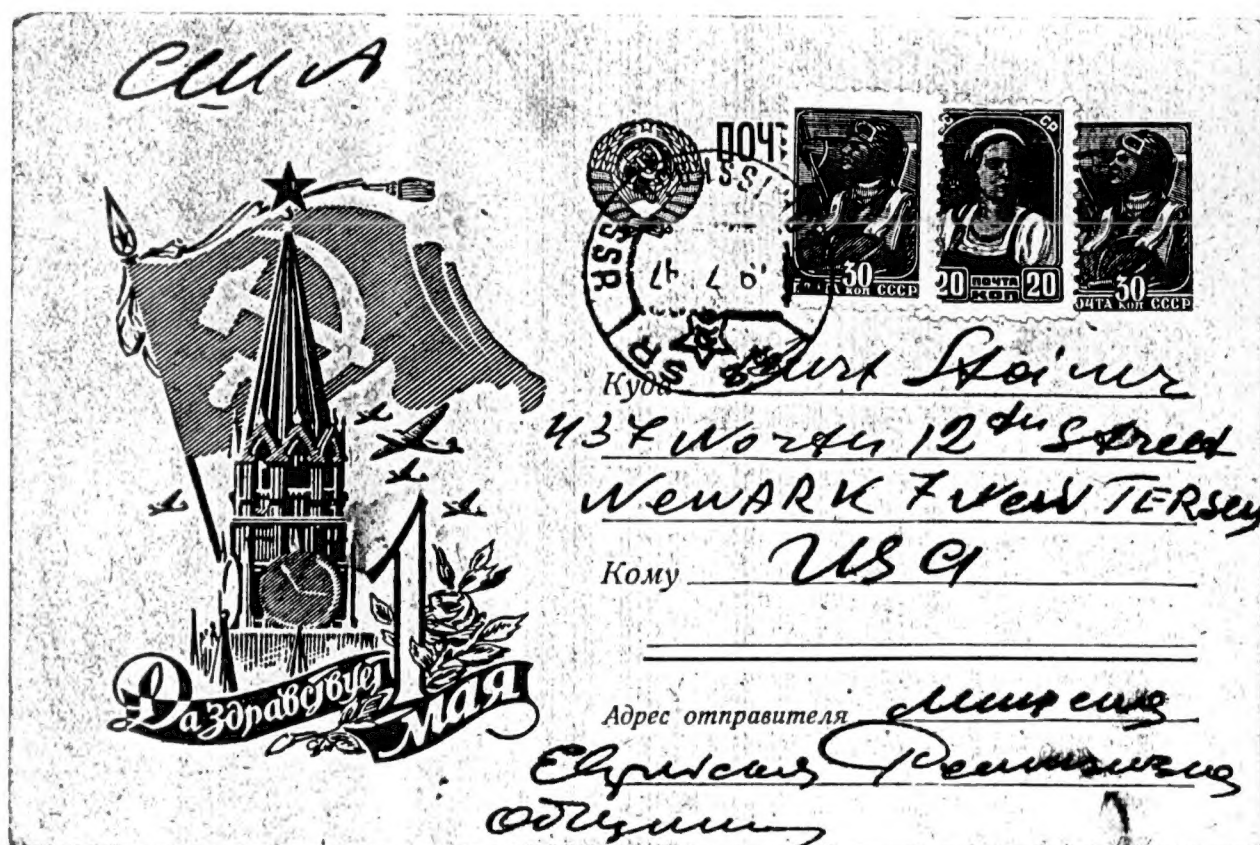
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FATHER WAS DEPORTED FROM VIENNA, AUSTRIA ON
MAY 6, 1944 WITH THE 19. TRANSPORT OF JEWS
TO GO TO MINSK. HE ASKED FOR POSSIBLE
INFORMATION ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUT. NO
INFORMATION FOUND. 1947



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AFTER OUR INQUIRY FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
IN MINSK ABOUT ANY INFORMATION ABOUT
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TO GO TO MINSK IN RUSSIA.

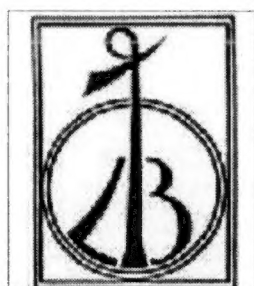
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